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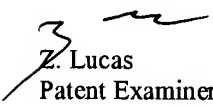
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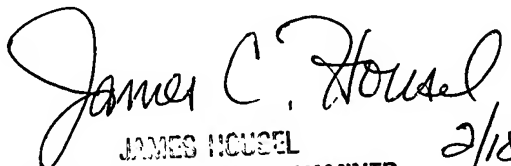
This letter is in response to the letter submitted on January 12, 2005.

The drawings filed on October 16, 2003 are accepted.

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